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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the petition currently before the FDA to ban the forced molting of hens (Docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P, 0197).

The USDA's own Food Safety and Inspection Service has stated the serious public health concerns are raised by the highly stressful practice of forced molting, which is achieved by depriving hens of food and water for periods up to 14 days. Forced molting undoubtedly contributes to the spread of disease by destroying hens' immune systems. This practice is not merely cruel and inhumane (obviously), it is a genuine threat to human health and lives. It's only justification is the convenience of the poultry industry, and that is not good enough.

This petition should be granted.

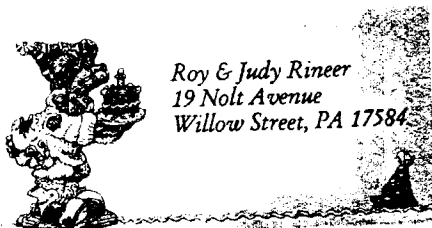


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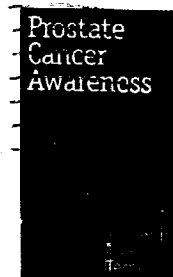
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